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DOI : 14 FEBRUARY 1972

SUBJECT: DRV/PRG VIEWS AS EXPRESSED DURING THE "WORLD ASSEMBLY FOR PEACE" HELD IN VERSAILLES 11-13 FEBRUARY.

ACQ : GERMANY 18 FEBRUARY 1972

SOURCE : A WEST GERMAN COMMERCIAL EMPLOYEE WELL CONNECTED IN CERTAIN LEFTIST CIRCLES AND ACTIVE IN THE ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT. HE HAS REPORTED RELIABLY FOR SEVERAL YEARS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF HIS ACCESS. HE ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE IN QUESTION.

1. THE "PARIS WORLD ASSEMBLY FOR THE PEACE AND INDEPENDENCE OF INDOCHINESE PEOPLES", SUCCESSOR TO EARLIER STOCKHOLM VIETNAM CONFERENCES, WAS HELD IN VERSAILLES 11-13 FEBRUARY. PARTICIPATING WERE SOME 850 DELEGATES TOGETHER WITH 250 GUESTS AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS FROM 80 COUNTRIES. MORE FACADE THAN SUBSTANCE, THE CONFERENCE WAS MAINLY A PLATFORM FOR AMPLIFYING WELL KNOWN POSITIONS. THE RESULTS AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED WERE PREDICTABLE

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AND CONTAINED NO NEW PROPOSALS OR DEPARTURES.

2. ONE OF THE MAIN THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE WAS A VEHEMENT REJECTION OF THE EIGHT POINT PROPOSAL ADVANCED BY PRESIDENT NIXON IN HIS 25 JANUARY SPEECH. LED BY HOANG QUOC VIET, THE 18 MEMBER DRV/PRG DELEGATION REPEATED, BOTH IN OPEN SPEECHES AND DURING EXTENDED INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS, THAT THE SEVEN POINT HANOI PROGRAM REMAINS THE ONLY BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. POSITION STATEMENTS OF THE DRV/PRG DELEGATION EMPHASIZED THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. FIRST PRIORITY REMAINS THE COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL U.S. FORCES. WHEN A FIRM DATE IS NAMED, ALL U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR WILL BE RELEASED.

B. VIETNAMIZATION MUST BE HALTED.

C. THE AIR WAR MUST BE HALTED.

THE DRV/PRG GROUP CAMPAIGNED ENERGETICALLY BEHIND THE SCENES AS WELL AS OPENLY TO SECURE AGREEMENT THAT ALL FUTURE WORLD WIDE ACTIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE AS THEIR SLOGAN: "A FIXED DATE FOR THE UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF ALL U.S. FORCES FROM VIETNAM." A PARTICULAR SORE POINT APPEARED TO BE THE AIR WAR AGAINST NVN WHICH DRV/PRG DELEGATES DESCRIBED PRIVATELY AS

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"WORSE THAN THE GROUND WAR."

3. AT THE SAME TIME, THE DRV/PRG DELEGATES CALLED FOR RAPID RESUMPTION OF THE PARIS PEACE TALKS, STRESSING--IN AN APPARENT ALLUSION TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S REVELATION OF EARLIER SECRET NEGOTIATIONS--THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL ONLY BE CONDUCTED IN PARIS. A RESOLUTION "UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED" BY THE CONFERENCE (BUT ACTUALLY DRAFTED AND PRINTED PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE) SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL CONDEMNATION AMBASSADOR PORTER'S STATEMENTS BREAKING OFF THE PARIS TALKS.

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